IFW

500.43116X00 HE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): K. SUZUKI, et al

Serial No.: 10/659,398

Filed:

September 11, 2003

For:

DISK ARRAY APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING

THE SAME

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.97 & 1.98

MS Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 July 25, 2005

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants are submitting herewith a copy of a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and copies of the documents listed in the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 for the Examiner's consideration.

This information disclosure statement is being submitted before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits.

To the extent the documents listed on the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 are not in the English language, the requirement of 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance is satisfied by an English language translation of the documents.

It is respectfully requested that this information disclosure statement be considered by the Examiner.

Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (500.43116X00) please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl I. Brundidge

CIB/jdc (703) 684-1120 Registration No. 29,621

MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C.

FORM PTO-1449 U.S. Department of Commerce Patent and Trademark Office									ATT	, DOCKET NO.	;	SERIAL NO. 10/659,398			
									500	43116X00					
, C. 3.	INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT									APPLICANT K. SUZUKI, et al					
	301 <u>3</u>	(Use several sheets if necessary)								FILING DATE September 11, 2003		GROUP			
	₹						- n	ATE					<u> </u>		
ADEMARK		T				U	.5. r	AICI	NI DOC	UMENTS			T		
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER								NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE		
		6	7	6	3	4	0	9	07/04	Elliott			ļ		
	2 0 0 2	0	1	6	2	0	4	8	10/02	Ackaret et al					
									,						
													<u> </u>		
FOREIG	N F	ΣΔТЕ	=NT	DOC	UMF	NTS									
TORLIG		DOCUMENT NUMBER							DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	ABSTRACT		
		DOOMERT HOWDER											YES	NO	
		9	3	3	0	1	8	2	12/97	Japan			xx		
					·		•			4 D 4 4 2 2 4 D		4- \			
OTHER	DO	CUN	MEN	IS (II	ncluc	ling	Auti	nor, I	itie, Da	te, Pertinent P	ages, E	tc.)	··		
·		-										-			
EXAMINER DATE								TE CO	CONSIDERED						
EXAMINE consider	ER:	Initia Inclu	l if cit de cc	tation opy of	is co this f	nside orm	ered, o	draw I	ine throu	gh citation if not ation to applicant	in confor t.	mance and	not		

(Form PTO-1449 [6-4])